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January 05, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

40 January 5, 2016


PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting your Honorable Board to authorize the Fire Chief to extend the term of the three existing contracts for Mental Health Professionals for 12 months, on a month-to-month basis from February 9, 2016 through February 8, 2017. This extension period is required to allow for the completion of the solicitation process to establish new contracts.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Approve and delegate authority to the Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute the amendments to extend the term of the three existing contracts (77235, 77236, and 77237) for Mental Health Professionals on a month-to-month basis not to exceed 12 months at an annual aggregate of \$175,000.
2. Find that these contracts are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Fire Chief to extend three existing contracts for an additional 12 months on a month-to-month basis. The existing contracts between the District and Phyllis L. Cohen, LCSW, MFT; Steve F. Froehlich, Ph.D.; and Carl L. King, Ph.D., will expire on February 8, 2016. The District currently utilizes a variety of professional services to provide pre-incident psychosocial resiliency training, early identification and onsite response for mental health management of an incident associated with significant psychosocial stress, as well as specialized training in psychological first aid and other support services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with County's Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, by ensuring the District provides support to its sworn and civilian personnel.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost of the contracts' extensions will not exceed an annual aggregate of \$175,000. Sufficient funding is available in the District's Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District is authorized to contract for these services under the California Health and Safety Code. The recommended actions will enable the District to continue the use of Phyllis L. Cohen, LCSW, MFT; Steve F. Froehlich, Ph.D.; and Carl L. King, Ph.D., to provide pre-incident psychosocial resiliency training, early identification and onsite response for mental health management of an incident associated with significant psychosocial stress, as well as specialized training in psychological first aid and other support services.

The attached amendment has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The existing contracts for Mental Health Professionals were approved by your Board on February 9, 2010, with a final expiration date of February 8, 2016, after all possible extensions have been exercised. Approval of the recommended actions will allow time for the District to complete a new solicitation and establish new contracts. The District's Contract Section is currently developing a new solicitation to establish contracts to replace the current contracts, and anticipate these new contracts to be in place no later than February 2017. The three contracts being extended contain a Termination for Convenience clause; as soon as the new contracts are in place, the current contracts will be terminated by notice of termination no less than 30 days after the notice is sent.

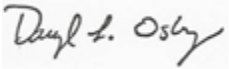
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation will allow the District to continue to obtain professional services from its current contractors and ensure the health and safety of the District's sworn and civilian personnel.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, the District requests the Executive Office of the Board to notify the District's Contract Administrator, Lucy Guadiana, at (323) 838-2275 when the documents become available.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daryl L. Osby", is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

DARYL L. OSBY
FIRE CHIEF, FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel

AMENDMENT NUMBER 4
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
CONTRACT NUMBER XXXXX

This Amendment is entered into by and between the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) and Contractor's Name (Contractor).

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2010, District and Contractor entered into Contract #XXXXX for the provision of Mental Health Professionals for the District; and

WHEREAS, the Contract provides that changes to its terms may be made in the form of a written amendment which is formally approved and executed by both parties; and

WHEREAS, District and Contractor hereby agree to this Amendment to Contract #XXXXX to extend the terms of said Contract for twelve months, on a month-to-month basis with the maximum possible Contract end date revised to February 8, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree to the following:

1. This Contract is amended to revise/add the following language:

4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

4.4 This Contract shall remain in full force and effect until no later than February 8, 2017, and shall be extended on a month-to-month basis by the District, at the District's sole discretion, beginning on February 9, 2016.

8.24 GENERAL PROVISION FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE

8.24.3 Cancellation of or Change in Insurance

Contractor shall provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that County shall receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice shall be provided to County at least 10 days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and 30 days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

2. Except as provided in this Amendment Number 4, all other terms and conditions of the Contract shall be in full force and effect.
3. Amendment Number 4 shall be effective when signed by all parties.

CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

CONTRACTOR:
CONTRACTOR'S NAME

By: _____
Name: Lucy Guadiana
Title: Contract Administrator
Date: _____

By: _____
Authorized Signature
Name: _____
Print
Title: _____
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
Interim County Counsel

By: _____
Scott Kuhn
Principal Deputy County Counsel